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### Judges

Joseph Bassano, J.D.; Khara Singer-Mack, J.D.; Thomas Muskus, J.D; Karl Oakes, J.D. and Jeffrey J. Shampo, J.D.

### I. In General

#### A. Definitions and Distinctions

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***Presiding magistrate.***

The term "presiding magistrate" is generally equivalent to the term "presiding justice."<sup>5</sup>

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#### Footnotes

1 N.M.—*Golden v. Golden*, 1937-NMSC-021, 41 N.M. 356, 68 P.2d 928 (1937).

2 N.M.—*Golden v. Golden*, 1937-NMSC-021, 41 N.M. 356, 68 P.2d 928 (1937).

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5 Cal.—*Bean v. Loryea*, 81 Cal. 151, 22 P. 513 (1889).

As to the definition of a presiding justice, see § 4.

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